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Economic Reform Critic to Moscow

Politburo member and trade union head Sandor Gaspar flew off to Moscow on March 31. The purpose of his trip was not mentioned, but he will probably bring Moscow up to date on

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internal Hungarian developments in the wake of the major leadership shakeup announced on March 21,

Gaspar undoubtedly played a key role in the shakeup. He publicly supports the economic reform, but has criticized it for not serving the interests of the urban worker enough. During a conversation with Ambassador Pedersen in early March, Gaspar reiterated his support for the reform, but talked about measures that undercut many reform goals. He supported central government intervention in setting wages, said that worker-manager wage differentials had to be decreased, and strongly supported increased worker controls on management. [REDACTED] 25X1

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